

deactivating the power supplied to the display in response to said call being originated from said telephone due to said activation of said SEND key.

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2. (Twice Amended) The battery saving method as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising the step of deactivating the power supplied to the display after the expiration of a predetermined time period if the SEND key is activated.

3. (Amended) A method for saving battery lifetime by controlling the power supplied to the display unit of a portable telephone, comprising the steps of:

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(a) determining whether an originating party has used said telephone to request a call connection to a terminating party; and

(b) deactivating the power supplied to the display based on a determination in step (a) that the originating party has requested said call connection to the terminating party.
